



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Recommendation to the Commission

Party Submitting Recommendation: Educational Outcomes Taskforce

Date of Submission: 3/15/2019

Type of Action Requested:

Legislation Policy Resolution of Support or Endorsement Public Promotion

Other: _____

Which of the Commission's Strategic Priorities does this Recommendation help advance:

Child Safety and services Juvenile Justice and Cross-system Youth
 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Educational Outcomes

Summary of Recommendation:

Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), Youth Services Agency YSA), Indiana School Mental Health Initiative (ISMHI) at Indiana University, and St. Francis Hospital are collaborating to hold a number of screenings of the documentary RESILIENCE (<https://kpfirfilms.co/resilience/>) across the state, that will include a panel discussion. These events will have a community focus but we are aiming for schools to be the host venues to highlight the importance of that particular system when it comes to promoting child/youth resilience and whole child wellbeing. This will all culminate in a statewide event featuring Dr. Robert Anda, one of the co-authors of the original Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) study and creator of ACE Interface. St. Francis has generously agreed to cover expenses for Dr. Anda. The task force is requesting CISC endorsement of the series of events and inclusion of the Commission's name on event promotional materials.

Background of Recommendation:

What is the need or problem?

We know that ACEs and toxic stress are the root cause of many negative life outcomes and so by combating their effects, we also preventatively address issues such as bullying, suicide prevention, school violence, substance use prevention, the opioid crisis, poor health outcomes later in life, mental health, workforce, suspensions/expulsions, disproportionality, school safety, and the school to prison pipeline. In regards to schools, we also know that because these stressors either go unrecognized or there is a lack of knowledge about their effects on learning and behavior, students dealing with adversity and stress are often identified or mislabeled as having behavior, discipline, and/or

learning issues in a school setting. Attached Data Brief from the Indiana Youth Institute highlights the prevalence of ACEs in Indiana.

What is the current response to the problem by the State of Indiana?

There are many fragmented and disconnected efforts to raise awareness of the negative effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences, childhood trauma and toxic stress, and childhood adversity and perhaps more importantly, how we can combat these effects by promoting resilience in our children and youth. However, there is currently nothing in place to unite these efforts across systems and initiatives or to harness community and state resources in a collaborative way. We believe this is an opportunity to do so.

What is the recommender proposing, and how will it help solve the problem?

We would like to be able to add other state agencies as supporting this alongside the Indiana Department of Education by putting state agency logos on promotions for these events and list them as “in partnership with” YSA, ISMHI, and St. Francis. Further, we are also proposing for other state agencies and CISC to promote this series. We believe this will help to articulate how ACEs and toxic stress negatively affect outcomes across systems and model cross-system collaborative efforts at the state level that we are asking our communities to replicate to promote resilience.

What data, research or other information did the recommender consult to formulate this proposal?

- Indiana Youth Institute Data Brief: Adverse Childhood Experiences. Sept. 2018. Attached.
- IUPUI Center for Health Policy: ACEs and Their Impact on Substance Misuse and Overall Health. Attached.
- Sacks, V. & Murphey, D. (2018). The prevalence of adverse childhood experiences, nationally, by state, and by race or ethnicity. Bethesda, M.D.: *Child Trends*. Retrieved From: <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/prevalence-adverse-childhood-experiences-nationally-state-race-ethnicity>

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